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REMARKS

Claim 5 has been amended. Claims 1-9 are pending

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-4 and 6-9 are allowable.

Claim Rejection – 35 U.S.C. 102

The final action rejected claim 5 as anticipated by either of U.S. Patent Numbers 5,000,695 to Nishiyama et al. or 4,859,194 to Bartholomew.

Claim 5 has been amended to recite limitations similar to those of allowable claim 1. The amendment clarifies that the cord insertion hole is formed in the back cover of a lamp body and that a cylindrical wall forms a well that surrounds the hole.

The structure is illustrated in the embodiment shown in Fig. 1. Back cover (7) has cord insertion hole (704) formed therein. A cylindrical wall (702) surrounds the hole (704) forming a well which is filled by the resins mold portions 9a, 9b.

Nishimaya discloses a female connector used in combination with a male connector to make electrical connections in a high voltage circuit. Abstract. The female connector (11) has a cylindrical case. The case (12) defines a longitudinal extending cavity (13) having open ends (15) and (16). (Col. 3, lines 59-63) Thus, the case of Nishimaya defines the cord insertion hole.

In contrast, amended claim 5 recites that the case forms a wall that surrounds the cord insertion hole, which is located in the back cover of a lamp body.

Bartholomew discloses a spark plug connector. The connector is formed of a generally cylindrical housing (16) for receiving a wire 22. Col. 2, lines 48-58. Thus, the housing defines the cord insertion hole for receiving the wire.

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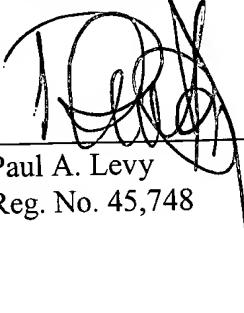
Amended claim 5 should be allowable over the cited references because the references do not teach or suggest each and every limitation recited in the claim. The Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. 102 rejection of claim 5.

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The Applicant does not believe that any fee is due. However, please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

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